

REMARKS

Claim 41 has been withdrawn. Claims 38-40 are currently pending in the present application. Reexamination and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claims 38-40 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over USP 6,446,396 to Marangoni et al. ("Marangoni") in view of Pub. No. 2001/0039959 to Zheng ("Zheng '959") and USP 6,360,761 to Zheng ("Zheng '761"). This rejection is respectfully traversed with respect to the new claims.

Independent claim 38 recites, among other limitations and elements, two separate and independent structures, each having two panels, with the two panels in each structure having different shapes in a manner such that one of the panels in each structure being less than half the size of the other panel. See FIG. 7.

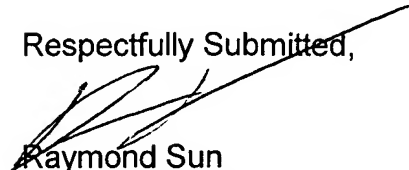
In contrast, even if the combination proposed by the Examiner is proper, such a combination would still not yield all the limitations of claim 38. For example, none of the cited references disclose or suggest two separate and independent structures that are removably connected to each other, with each structure having two panels hingedly connected to each other, with the two panels in each structure having different shapes in a manner such that one of the panels in each structure being less than half the size of the other panel. First, the Examiner acknowledges that Marangoni does not teach these limitations. Second, all four panels in FIG. 4 of Zheng '959 are stitched to each other, so there cannot be two separable structures, each having two panels hingedly connected to each other. Third, FIG. 11 of Zheng '761 does not teach or suggest two separate structures, each having two panels. Also, FIG. 11 of Zheng '761 does not teach or suggest that any panel is less than half the size of any other panel.

These limitations are significant because the disparity between the sizes of the two panels within a structure make it impossible for a four-sided connected structure to be twisted and folded. For example, referring to FIG. 7 of the present invention, if the four panels were hingedly connected along all of the sides of the panels, it would not be possible to fold the four panels on top of each other to form a stack of panels that can be twisted and folded. Therefore, the claimed invention provides two separate structures having panels of different shapes and sizes so that the panels of each separate structure can be stacked and then easily twisted and folded.

Thus, even if Zheng '761 and Zheng '959 were combined with Marangoni, the resulting combination would still not yield the claimed invention.

In light of the above, allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if there are any amendments that are needed to place this application in condition for allowance.

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